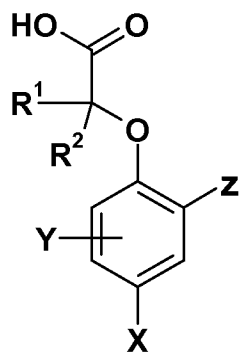


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

in which:

X is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or OR<sup>6</sup>;

Y is selected from hydrogen, halogen, CN, nitro, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>, OR<sup>4</sup>, SR<sup>4</sup>, SOR<sup>3</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, CONR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>, NR<sup>6</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>, NR<sup>6</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, NR<sup>6</sup>COR<sup>3</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, OR<sup>6</sup> and NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>6</sup>; n is 0, 1 or 2;

Z is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, CN, OH, SH, nitro, COR<sup>9</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, OR<sup>9</sup>, SR<sup>9</sup>, SOR<sup>9</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>,

$\text{CONR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}$ ,  $\text{NR}^{10}\text{R}^{11}$ ,  $\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^9$ ,  $\text{NR}^9\text{SO}_2\text{R}^9$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{CO}_2\text{R}^6$ ,  $\text{NHCOR}^9$ ,  $\text{NR}^9\text{COR}^9$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^4\text{R}^5$ , aryl,

$\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$  alkenyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$  alkynyl,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl or  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl,  $\text{OR}^6$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^6$ ,  $\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{COR}^7$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2\text{R}^7$ .

$\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, halogen,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$  alkenyl,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$  alkynyl,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl or a  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl group, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl,  $\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{OR}^6$ ,  $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^6$ ;

$\text{R}^3$  represents  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl or  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl which may be optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl,  $\text{OR}^6$  and  $\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^6$ ,  $\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{COR}^7$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2\text{R}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^4$  and  $\text{R}^5$  independently represent hydrogen,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl or  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, the latter two groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl,  $\text{OR}^6$  and  $\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^6$ ,  $\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{COR}^7$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2\text{R}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  independently represents a hydrogen atom or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$  alkyl;

$\text{R}^8$  is hydrogen,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $-\text{COC}_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $\text{CO}_2\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl or  $\text{CONR}^6\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl;

$\text{R}^9$  represents aryl,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl or  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, the latter two groups may be optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl, aryl,  $\text{OR}^6$  and  $\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{S(O)}_n\text{R}^6$ ,  $\text{CONR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{NR}^6\text{COR}^7$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{NR}^6\text{SO}_2\text{R}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^{10}$  and  $\text{R}^{11}$  independently represent aryl, hydrogen,  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7$  cycloalkyl or

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, the latter two groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl, OR<sup>6</sup> and NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>6</sup>, CONR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, NR<sup>6</sup>COR<sup>7</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> and NR<sup>6</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>.

2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl or a C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl group, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, OR<sup>6</sup>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>6</sup>.

3. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which X is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy.

4. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which Y is hydrogen.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which Z is substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyano and SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>.

7. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are both hydrogen or one is hydrogen and the other is C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl.

8. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 selected from:

[(5-Methylbiphenyl-2-yl)oxy]acetic acid,

{[5-Ethyl-4'-(methylsulfonyl)biphenyl-2-yl]oxy}acetic acid,<sub>2</sub>

{[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-5-methoxybiphenyl-2-yl]oxy}acetic acid,<sub>2</sub>

[[4-Chloro-4'-(ethylsulfonyl)-2',5-dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,<sub>2</sub>

[[4'-(Ethylsulfonyl)-2',5-dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-acetic acid,<sub>2</sub>

2-[[3'-Cyano-5-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,  
2-[[2'-Fluoro-5'-cyano-5-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-yl]oxy]-(2S)-propanoic acid,  
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 9-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for the therapeutic treatment of ~~treating~~ asthma or rhinitis in a patient suffering from asthma or rhinitis, which comprises administering to the a patient suffering from asthma or rhinitis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt as defined in claim 1.

13. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 2 in which X is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy.

14. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 2 in which Y is hydrogen.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 2 in which Z substituted by one or more substituents independently selected from halogen, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl, cyano and SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>.

17. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 2 in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are both hydrogen or one is hydrogen and the other is C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl.

18. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent, or carrier.

19. (New) A method of producing a CRTh2 receptor inhibitory effect in a patient, which comprises administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.